

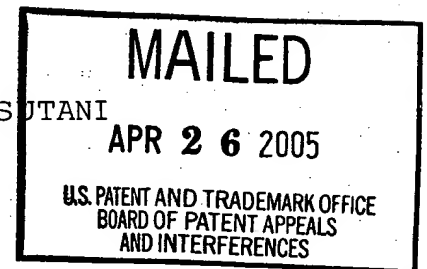
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte: YASUSHI KOHNO and NORITOSHI KATSUTANI

Application No. 09/837,020



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 16, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

A Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer dated March 12, 2004, was filed on May 10, 2004. However, a review

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the Image File Wrapper (IFW) reveals that the Reply Brief has not been considered or acknowledged by the examiner.

A written communication notifying appellant of the Examiner's receipt and consideration of the Reply Brief is required.

Accordingly, it is


Ordered that the application is returned to the Examiner for

1) acknowledgment and consideration of the Reply Brief;

and

2) for any further action as may be appropriate.

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